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§12725. ESTABLISHMENT

There are established, under the Maine Community College System, the Maine Quality Centers, in this chapter referred to as the "centers." The mission of the centers is to meet the workforce education and training needs of new and expanding businesses in the State and provide new employment and career advancement opportunities for Maine people. The centers shall fulfill their mission by working in close coordination with state and regional economic development agencies. [1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 707, §CC1 (NEW). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF).

§12726. PURPOSE

The primary purposes of the Maine Quality Centers are as follows: [1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW).]

1. Job creation. To encourage and facilitate the creation of new jobs in the State by offering customized education and training programs at the community colleges free of charge to businesses that are seeking to create new jobs in the State. The eligibility criteria for free customized education and training programs and other policies and terms governing the centers are established by the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees;

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

2. Workforce preparation. To offer education and training opportunities for unemployed Maine people to allow them to prepare for future jobs in new or expanding businesses in the State, and for underemployed Maine people seeking to upgrade their education, skills and credentials in order to facilitate career advancement and enhance job security; and

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW) .]

3. Partnerships. To establish and maintain long-term partnerships with prospective and established businesses with the goal of creating and maintaining a skilled, adaptable and competitive workforce.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 707, §CC1 (NEW). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF).

§12727. MAINE QUALITY CENTERS

1. State and regional delivery. The centers are located at the Maine Community College System Office and the community colleges. Staff of the centers shall work in close coordination with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Office of the Governor and other state and local education and economic development agencies.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

2. Recruitment and screening. Recruitment of trainees and preliminary screening and testing for programs developed through the centers must be conducted by the community colleges in conjunction with the Bureau of Employment Services, state job training providers, human service offices and other referring agencies.

[1995, c. 560, Pt. G, §7 (AMD); 1995, c. 560, Pt. G, §29 (AFF); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

3. Eligibility for enrollment. To be considered eligible for programs developed under this chapter, applicants must meet community college and program admissions standards. Students who have enrolled in such programs must maintain satisfactory academic performance and meet all requirements in order to continue enrollment in the program.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

4. Cost to trainees. Education and training programs developed through the centers must be offered to trainees free of charge.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW) .]

5. Certification of competencies. Upon completion of a program, trainees are issued certification from the community college providing the training that delineates the education or skill competencies obtained through the program.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

6. Training guarantee. If the employer of the trainee finds that the trainee fails to meet any of the competencies listed on the certification, the community college providing the training must retrain the employee at no cost to the employer or trainee.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF) .]

7. Placement of trainees. Placement of trainees in jobs with the employer for which a program has been provided is not guaranteed. Final determination of hire rests with the employer.

[1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 707, §CC1 (NEW). 1995, c. 560, §G7 (AMD). 1995, c. 560, §G29 (AFF). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF).

§12728. COORDINATION WITH EDUCATION PROVIDERS

If an education or training requirement can not be delivered directly by a community college, staff of the centers shall work with other education and training providers to develop and deliver the program. [1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 707, §CC1 (NEW). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF).

§12729. REPORT

The President of the Maine Community College System shall provide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters an annual report that must include the following for each business assisted under this chapter: the name and location of the business; the number of employees trained or retrained; the dollar amount expended; and, where applicable, the number of new jobs created. [1993, c. 707, Pt. CC, §1 (NEW); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 (AMD); 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §4 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 707, §CC1 (NEW). 2003, c. 20, §OO2 (AMD). 2003, c. 20, §OO4 (AFF).

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